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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Intermediate School District Directors of Special Education,  
FROM: Jacquelyn J. Thompson, Ph.D., Director  
SUBJECT: Migration to the Michigan Compliance Information System

For the past year, the Office of Special Education and Early Intervention Services (OSE/EIS) has been developing the Michigan Compliance Information System (MI-CIS). The MI-CIS collects data for mandated counts (as it did for the December 3, 2001 count), and provides data transactions that assist compliant day-to-day management of special education programs and services under Parts B and C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. The MI-CIS provides a merged and web-based successor for RMS2000 (Part B) and EETRK (Part C). The MI-CIS student database module is ready to accept data from districts into MI-CIS for everyday management use. Following is information regarding this transition to the MI-CIS student database.

**EETRK** — In order to ease the transition to the MI-CIS, intermediate school district users should continue with EETRK for Part C data collection for the December 2, 2002 count. After the December 2, 2002, count is completed, migration for Part C data from EETRK to MI-CIS will begin.

**RMS2000 — State grant support for RMS2000 will expire on September 30, 2002.** RMS2000 users have three choices to assure the ability to meet mandated reporting obligations:

- migrate to the MI-CIS for the 2002-2003 school year;
- independently arrange for use of another data collection system that includes the new changes and that has adequate support; or
- independently arrange for support for continued use of RMS2000.

Migrations to the MI-CIS from RMS2000 is being piloted through June. Training and support for districts electing to migrate to the MI-CIS will begin in July and continue through September. More information will be available soon about the training and prudent steps for “scrubbing” your data.

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Districts electing to independently arrange for support for continued use of RMS2000 beyond September may contact Hunt Riegel at (877) 882-2300, or via e-mail at [hriegel@match.org](mailto:hriegel@match.org).

The transition from stand-alone desktop applications to the web-based MI-CIS project represents a significant milestone in the ongoing development of special education and early intervention information systems provided by the OSE/EIS. Whether used as an everyday management tool or just for reporting, we appreciate the valuable and insightful comments we have received from the field during the development of the MI-CIS. We continue to welcome comments and feedback as new phases of this information management system are implemented.